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Title: **METHOD FOR CONTROLLING VALID DATE FOR DATA IN DISTRIBUTED  
PROCESSING SYSTEM AND APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIA**

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Sirs,

This is further to our patent application entering into the U.S. national phase of the PCT international application identified above.

We sent the application paper on September 7, 2001 but failed to enclose the English translation of the amendments to the claims. Please note that we have not received the Official Filing Receipt for this case as yet.

Enclosed please find the copy of the documents that is the English translation of the final claims in International phase and to be examined by the USPTO. Also, we enclose herewith a preliminary amendment.

We earnestly hope that the application will be handled in due course and if you require additional procedures, please contact us.

Respectfully yours,

  
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